

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph after the title "PERMANENTLY WETTABLE SUPERABSORBENTS" and prior to the section subtitle "Technical Field" on line 9 of page 1:

This application is a divisional of application serial number 09/531,247 entitled Permanently Wettable Superabsorbents and filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 21, 2000. The entirety of application serial number 09/531,247 is hereby incorporated by reference.